

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

January 15, 2004 LB 452

Kansas plate, or my South Dakota plate...South Dakota is very inexpensive to drive a vehicle, but they put sales taxes on other things that we don't. But the fact is, someone moving in from South Dakota could say, I'm going to drive this license plate...this registered vehicle for \$75 in South Dakota for as long as I can, until I get pulled over, and then I have ten days to go make it right. That bothers me, that we have such a loophole in state statute that folks...I've observed with my own eyes, and certainly heard from others, that folks are taking advantage of. And I believe that we can come up with a resolution here. So the green copy eliminates the ten-day waiver. It does address some late registrations, late renewals, I should say, that I am choosing to get rid of in a subsequent amendment. And we can cross that issue...address that in further debate here. But I believe that we can come up with something that's workable, fair, fair to the law-abiding, tax paying citizens of Nebraska that are pretty bothered by a neighbor who abuses the system and does not pay the tax that he or she owes. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. As stated by the Clerk, there are committee amendments, offered by the Transportation Committee. Senator Baker, as Chairman of that committee, you're recognized to open on those amendments.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. These are amendments...this is an amendment to the green copy, obviously. And if you want to follow along, on page 5, it strikes the new matter. It was the opinion of the committee that the \$500 citation fee that would be collected by the county treasurer was excessive. They didn't want to collect it, of course. They were afraid they'd have some problems collecting it. So the committee amendment deletes that. In fact, it deletes all that new language in...on page 5, lines 4 through 10, to read, "if the registration is thirty to sixty days late, twenty-five dollars." What we've done is just cut back the penalty here. And it's \$25 from 30 to 60; \$50 from 60 to 90; and 91 or more days, it's \$100. No late fee shall be required to be paid for any late registration on a seasonally registered vehicle, and so on. That is the gist of what we did there. We, as I said, eliminated \$500 late registration fee,